

GENERAL PORTER ENTERTAINED.

A farewell reception and supper for General Horace Porter were given by the Authors' Club at its rooms in the Carnegie Building last evening. General Porter is always among friends when he is at New York, and the occasion last night was no exception. He proved the high esteem in which he is held by them. There were many prominent guests invited to be present, including Ambassadors John Hay and Andrew D. White, and Senator Charles McNary. There were about one hundred members of the club and invited guests present, all of whom had an opportunity to see the new Ambassador and listen to his interesting remarks.

An informal but felicitous speech, introducing General Porter, and containing much pertinent advice, was made by J. W. McGinley and upon his work in connection with the Grant Monument Association, the inaugural parade at Washington, etc., was made by Oscar S. Straus. General Porter, thanking the club for its kindly greetings, made, as usual, an eloquent and interesting address.

After the informal speaking a supper was served. Among the invited guests present were Messrs. Woodburn, Hays, Aldrich, and Blair.

THE PATRIARCHS DISSOLVE.

At a meeting of the Patriarchs at the Waldorf Hotel last night, it was decided that the association be

Yesterday it was decided that the organization should be dissolved. The Patriarchs comprised some of the leading citizens of New-York, and its balls, of which there have been several each year, have always been among the chief incidents of the social season.

G. G. Haven, the secretary, said last night that there was no significance in the dissolution; that

the members had simply decided that it was not desirable to give any more balls.

MME. AGNES SORMA HERE.

THE FAMOUS ACTRESS TO APPEAR AT **THE**
IRVING PLACE THEATRE.

Mme. Agnes Sorma, the celebrated German actress, accompanied by her husband, Herr von Mito, and her son, arrived from Germany yesterday on the steamer Havel. The party went to the Union

Square Hotel M^{rs}. Some has come to this country under the management of Heinrich Conried, and will appear for a season beginning on next Monday at the Irving Place Theatre. For years she has been one of the most popular actresses on the stage in Berlin, Vienna and throughout Germany. She is a handsome woman, of a large and expressive face, and a most attractive figure.

When seen yesterday M^{rs}. Some expressed delight at the opportunity given her through M^{rs}. Conried to become acquainted with the American public—an ambition which she long had had. She spoke entertainingly of her career in Germany; she appeared for the first time in Berlin in 1832, at the famous theatre of the King, and she had played the same children's roles to the public of Breslau, her native city, when only fourteen years old. Since then her career has continued to grow, and she has won triumph after triumph.

M^{rs}. Some will make her first appearance in this city next Monday, through the agency of M^{rs}. Conried. She will also be seen in parts from Grillparzer, Shakespeare, Hauptmann, Sardou and Goethe.

There has been a large advance sale of seats for the season at the Irving Place Theatre.

UNION OF ST. ANN'S AND ST. MATTHEW'S

VESTRY OF THE FORMER DECIDE ON CONSOLIDATION, BUT THE OPPOSITION MAY CARRY THE MATTER TO THE COURTS.

The wardens and vestrymen of St. Ann's Parish yesterday took the final votes in favor of consolidation with St. Matthews, in West Eighty-fifth st. The move was decided on by a very close vote and under strong opposition, which may manifest itself later in an appeal to the courts.

Yesterday's meeting of the wardens and vestrymen of St. Ann's was held in St. John's Church, at West Eleventh-st., and was held in Plain. There was a large attendance, and the question of whether or not the two churches should consolidate. When the vote was taken it was found to stand equally divided. John

At Comer and William O. Fitzgerald, wardens, and Henry J. G. Smith, Jr., vestrymen, were strongly opposed to any consolidation. George P. Oerstell, Walter B. Tufts, Robert H. Lockwood and Rev. Frederick Rose, vestrymen, favored a consolidation. Then there was another long discussion which was ended when the Rev. Dr. H. A. Krains, rector of St. Ann's, who also had a vote, cast the deciding one in favor of consolidation.

Mr. Comer, who had handed in his resignation at the former meeting, then rose and said, "I am a seceder." Then a protest was presented from a large number of deaf-mutes who are members of the congregation. At the Mass Meeting, the following day, the protest was read, and yesterday they served notice that they were opposed to it. The protest said they had signed it, and that they understood that they objected to any of the funds of their church being used to support a church that they called "St. Matthew's Church." It is now understood that the matter will be in the courts before any further meetings are held.

PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES SOLD.

THE GEORGE F. TYLER COLLECTION BRINGS ABOUT \$24,000 AT AUCTION.

A sale of modern oil paintings and sculpture was held by Thomas E. Kirby, auctioneer, at the American Art Galleries, Madison Square South, last evening. There was a large attendance, and in some

estimates the bidding was spirited. Prices ranged from \$15 to \$7,000 a picture. Mr. Kirby said that "while some pictures were sold at ridiculously low prices, others realized fair prices, in view of the fact that they had been offered by the estate of George F. Tyler, of Philadelphia, were sold for \$2,267; the principal sales being as follows: "Morning Children," \$1,500, bought by Knoedler & Co.; "Mothers' Island," by J. M. Diaz, \$1,000, bought by J. M. Diaz; "Anteroom," by J. M. Diaz, \$1,000, bought by Anteroom; "Landscape," by Alva, by Eduardo Zamacois, \$235; "Landscape and Vulture," by Constantine Truxon, \$980, bought by Constantine Truxon; "The Old Man," by Corot, \$250, bought by Frederick Layton, of Milwaukee. Five pieces of sculpture belonging to the collection were also sold, as follows: "Prosperity by Uram Pomey, with marble pedestal, being kneeling figure, \$1,000." The following paintings by Diaz, entitled, respectively, "Spring" and "Autumn," and intended to be a continuation of the series of four pictures, the original \$2,000 for the pair, were sold for \$750, by order of the Continental Trust Company, trustees, to the following persons: To E. C. Smith, the "Spring" for \$500, and to E. C. Smith, the "Autumn," for \$250.

amount realized for all the pictures and sculpture was \$9,117.50.

ARRIVAL OF GENERAL MERRITT.

General Wesley Merritt, the new commander of the Department of the East, arrived in the city at 6:50 o'clock last evening over the Pennsylvania Railroad. General Merritt came here directly from Chicago. He was accompanied by his personal staff, composed of Lieutenants Henry C. Hall, Lewis H. Strothers and T. Bentley Mott. The party was met at the station by Colonel Corbin and the adjutant, and they were taken to the hotel. He said last night that he was feeling well after his trip, and was ready to assume his duties at once.

PHI DELTA THETA MEN DINE.

Forty members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity were present last night at the annual dinner of the

the dinner members enjoyed themselves singing college songs, and the substantial portion of the cost was met. A. Winney spoke briefly of the fraternity, whose aim he said was to be National in scope and American in sentiment. Other speakers were Frank S. Moore, Jr., of the College of William and Mary, and Frank S. Moore, Jr., of the College of William and Mary, and Frank S. Moore, Jr., of the College of William and Mary. Among those present were C. C. Winter, Colonel C. W. Fort Wheeler, William D. Buckner, G. P. Bryant, W. P. Halley, Frank C. Young and L. E. A. Drummond.

MR. DALY'S PROGRAMME.

Mr. Daly has announced the arrangement of plays at his theatre for nearly all the remaining part of the season. Next week "The Gelsah" will be played on Wednesday evening, and "The Tempest" at every other performance of the week, including the two matinees. There will be no performance on Friday, the day of the Good Friday. There will be a charity performance of "The Tempest" on Monday afternoon, April 18, and it will be played again in the afternoon of that week. Miss Rehan will appear in what plays it is not yet announced. "The Gelsah" will be given for the last time on Wednesday evening, and "The Tempest" for the last time on Thursday evening. Friday evening, Shakespeare's "As You Like It" will be given. On Saturday afternoon and evening Miss Rehan and the company will make a special performance of "Hunchback," which has not been acted at this theatre in a considerable period.

FROM ELLSWORTH'S END OF THE STATE.

From The Buffalo Commercial.

If all the newspaper portraits were as admirable as those in The New-York Tribune, no reasonable person could object to having their names in the papers.